

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **Discussion of Council Legislative Policy**

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**Summary:** Council staff will discuss the Council's current legislative policy and address specific aspects that may benefit from additional clarification.

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#### **Background**

At the July meeting, the Council expressed an interest in revisiting the agency's current policy for taking a position on proposed legislation. This staff report includes the current legislative policy (Attachment 1) and proposes revisions that seek to clarify certain aspects of the policy, particularly as it relates to the role of the Council in process.

As an independent State agency, the Council may take a position on proposed legislation as desired.

The legislative and policy advisor currently analyzes proposed legislation in response to requests from the Council, the Governor's Office, or upon his/her own initiative. The scope of measures analyzed typically address the Delta, statewide water or ecosystem-related issues, or State agency operations. Under current practice, such analyses are approved by the executive officer and do not include a recommended position, unless endorsed by a majority of the Council.

#### **Fiscal Information**

Not applicable.

#### **List of Attachments**

Attachment 1: Current Delta Stewardship Council Legislative Policy

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